

**2012 ETC Recertification Reports**  
**Report to Satisfy Requirements of FCC-11-161**

**Name of ETC Applicant:** Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC

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As a previously designated ETC and pursuant to requirement set forth in Order in Docket No. N2006.8.118, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC files a request for recertification with the Montana PUC. This annual filing occurs on or before September 14<sup>th</sup>.

The data contained in this filing complies with the requirements set forth in FCC 11-161 and §54.313 as amended. To the extent that the State of Montana requires additional information as part of its normal ETC recertification process; that data will be provided in the scheduled 2012 annual reporting for previously designated ETCs.

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**Attachments**

**Redacted Attachment 2** – Outage Data Report for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for the State of Montana for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

**Redacted Attachment 3** – Unfilled Requests for Service Report for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for the State of Montana for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

**Attachment 5** - Certifications

**Attachment 7** - Listing of CenturyLink affiliates

## **Report 1: § 54.313 (a) (1) - Five-Year Service Quality Improvement**

### **Plan**

1. A progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a), including maps detailing its progress towards meeting its plan targets, an explanation of how much universal service support was received and how it was used to improve service quality, coverage, or capacity, and an explanation regarding any network improvement targets that have not been fulfilled in the prior calendar year. The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate

1.1 Previously Submitted Plan

1.2 Narrative of Progress

1.3 Supporting Documents and Maps

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### **Response:**

Per the Wireline Competition Bureau's Clarification Order in DA 12-147, issued on February 3rd, 2012, paragraph 7, this provision does not apply to CenturyLink QC for this filing period.

## **Report 2: § 54.313 (a) (2) - Outage Report**

2. Detailed information on any outage in the prior calendar year, as that term is defined in 47 CFR 4.5, of at least 30 minutes in duration for each service area in which an eligible telecommunications carrier is designated for any facilities it owns, operates, leases, or otherwise utilizes that potentially affect
- (i) At least ten percent of the end users served in a designated service area;
  - Or
  - (ii) A 911 special facility, as defined in 47 CFR 4.5(e).
  - (iii) Specifically, the eligible telecommunications carrier's annual report must include information detailing:
    - (A) The date and time of onset of the outage;
    - (B) A brief description of the outage and its resolution;
    - (C) The particular services affected;
    - (D) The geographic areas affected by the outage;
    - (E) Steps taken to prevent a similar situation in the future; and
    - (F) The number of customers affected.

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### **Response:**

See Redacted Attachment 2 –

Outage Data Report for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for the State of Montana for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

### **Report 3: § 54.313 (a) (3) - Requests for Service**

#### **3. Report detailing:**

- The number of requests for service from potential customers within the recipient's service areas that were unfulfilled during the prior calendar year; and
- The carrier shall also detail how it attempted to provide service to those potential customers.

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#### **Response:**

For the calendar year extending from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, there were five unfilled requests for service in the State of Montana. Three were delayed until Spring 2012 due to frozen ground conditions not permitting construction of new facilities, and two were remain unfilled pending customer payment of construction charges. Further detail is provided in the attached.

See Redacted Attachment 3 --

Unfilled Requests for Service Report for Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for the State of Montana for January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

**Report 4: § 54.313 (a) (4) - Complaints per 1,000 Connections**

4. The number of complaints per 1,000 connections (fixed or mobile) in the prior calendar year

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**Response:**

For the period from January 2011 through December 2011, Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for the State of Montana had a total of 2.25 complaints per 1,000 access lines.

## **Report 5: § 54.313 (a) (5)-(6) - Certifications**

5. Certification that Carrier is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. Certification that the carrier is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in § 54.202 (a) (2).

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### **Response:**

See Attachment 5 – Certifications including Compliance with Applicable Service Quality Standards, Compliance with Consumer Protection Rules, and Ability to Function in Emergency Situations.

**Report 6: § 54.313 (a) (7) – Current Price Offerings**

6. The company's price offerings in a format as specified by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

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**Response:**

The Wireline Competition Bureau has not established a format for the requested information, as specified in §54.313(a)(2)(iii)(F)(7), nor has this provision received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval as of the date of this filing. Therefore, no response is required at this time.



## **Report 7: § 54.313 (a) (8) - Company Identification**

7. The recipient's holding company, operating companies, affiliates, and any branding (a "dba," or "doing-business-as company" or brand designation), as well as universal service identifiers for each such entity by Study Area Codes, as that term is used by the Administrator.

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### **Response:**

CenturyLink, Inc. is the parent company of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC. The study area code (SAC) and service provider identification number (SPIN) for of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC are 485104 and 143005231 respectively.

See Attachment 7 for a listing of CenturyLink affiliates.

**Report 8: § 54.313 (a) (9) - Tribal Outreach**

8. To the extent the recipient serves Tribal lands, documents or information demonstrating that the ETC had discussions with Tribal governments that, at a minimum, included:
- 8.1 A needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions;
  - 8.2 Feasibility and sustainability planning;
  - 8.3 Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
  - 8.4 Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes; and
  - 8.5 Compliance with Tribal business and licensing requirements.
    - Tribal business and licensing requirements include business practice licenses that Tribal and non-Tribal business entities, whether located on or off Tribal lands, must obtain upon application to the relevant Tribal government office or division to conduct any business or trade, or deliver any goods or services to the Tribes, Tribal members, or Tribal lands.
    - These include certificates of public convenience and necessity, Tribal business licenses, master licenses, and other related forms of Tribal government licensure.

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**Response:**

This provision does not apply to CenturyLink for this filing period. Per the Wireline Competition Bureau's Clarification Order in DA 12-147, issued on February 3rd, 2012, paragraph 11, "...ETC's are required to undertake their Tribal engagement obligations in 2012 after ONAP (Office of Native American Programs) provides engagement process guidance, which will be the substance of the reporting beginning April 1, 2013 and annually thereafter."

**Report 9: § 54.313 (f) (2) - Annual Financial Report**

**Privately held rate-of-return carriers only.**

9. A full and complete annual report of the company's financial condition and operations as of the end of the preceding fiscal year, which is audited and certified by an independent certified public accountant in a form satisfactory to the Commission, and accompanied, by a report of such audit. The annual report shall include;

- balance sheets,
- income statements, and
- cash flow statements along with necessary notes to clarify the financial statements.

The income statements shall itemize revenue, including non-regulated revenue, by its sources.

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**Response:**

CenturyLink is a publicly traded Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registered company. Therefore this provision is not applicable to CenturyLink QC.

**Report 10: § 54.313 (g) - Areas with No Terrestrial Backhaul**

10. Carriers without access to terrestrial backhaul that are compelled to rely exclusively on satellite backhaul in their study area must certify annually that no terrestrial backhaul options exist.

10.1 Carriers without access to terrestrial backhaul that are compelled to rely exclusively on satellite backhaul in their study area must certify annually that no terrestrial backhaul options exist. Any such funding recipients must certify they offer broadband service at actual speeds of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area served by satellite middle-mile facilities. To the extent that new terrestrial backhaul facilities are constructed, or existing facilities improve sufficiently to meet the relevant speed, latency and capacity requirements then in effect for broadband service supported by the CAF, within twelve months of the new backhaul facilities becoming commercially available, funding recipients must provide the certifications required in paragraphs (e) or (f) of this section in full. Carriers subject to this paragraph must comply with all other requirements set forth in the remaining paragraphs of this section.

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**Response:**

This item is not applicable to CenturyLink QC.

## **Report 11: § 54.313 (h) - Additional Voice Rate Data**

11. All incumbent local exchange carrier recipients of high-cost support must report all of their flat rates for residential local service, as well as state fees as defined pursuant to § 54.318(e) of this subpart. Carriers must also report all rates that are below the local urban rate floor as defined in § 54.318 of this subpart, and the number of lines for each rate specified. Carriers shall report lines and rates in effect as of January 1.

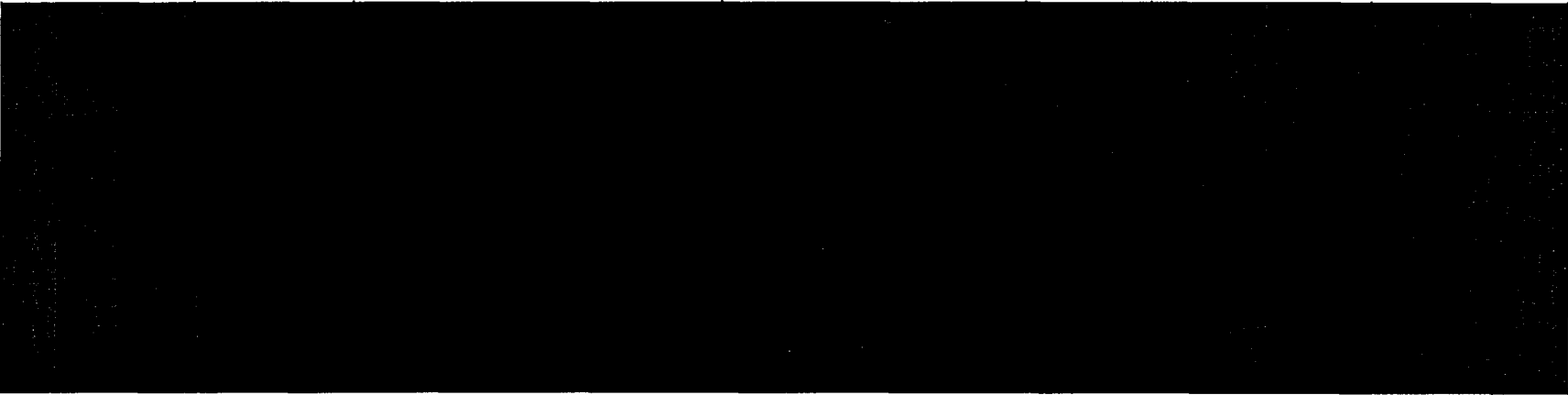
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### **Response:**

In the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Third Order On Reconsideration in the matter of Connect America Fund, *et al.*, FCC 12-52 §19 and §21, the FCC has determined that all incumbent local exchange carrier recipients of high-cost loop or high-cost model support must report residential local rates to the extent that the sum of that rate, and specific state regulated fees is below the effective rate floor, rather than requiring the reporting of all rates. Carriers shall now report lines and rates in effect as of June 1, 2012.

This is not applicable to CenturyLink QC as carrier does not have rates that fall below the effective rate floor.

Incident Date & Time	Geography Affected	Failure Description	Restore Description	Affected Lines	Root Cause	Services Affected



Order Number	TN	State	Due Date	NOTES	Address	Wire center code	Wire center	Product code
N05106063		MT	11-Oct-11			VCTRMTMA	VICTOR	RES
N05631787		MT	18-Oct-11			FRVWMTMA	FAIRVIEW	RES
N08274153		MT	22-Nov-11			SHPHMTMA	BLG SHEPHERD	RES
N08720491		MT	29-Nov-11			BUTTMT09	BUTTE-MAIN	RES
N09849622		MT	15-Dec-11			BUTTMT09	BUTTE-MAIN	RES